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SUBJECT: MORE INFORMATION ON FRENCH POW/MIA

REFS: (A) STATE 123520; (B) PARIS 11178

1. STATISTICS CITED IN REF B ARE FROM SPECIAL NUMBER (HORS SERIE) 25 OF HISTORIA PUBLISHED IN 1972. IN CASE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING A COPY FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, WE ARE POUCHING AN ISSUE TO WASHINGTON. IT CONTAINS MANY ARTICLES ABOUT THE FRENCH EXPERIENCE IN INDOCHINA, 1951 TO 1955, WHICH MAY BE OF USE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. FIGURES IN HISTORIA ARE THOSE THE FRENCH HAD ADOPTED AS OF 1972 AND THEREFORE ARE LATER THAN THOSE WHICH MRS. LAUVE APPARENTLY OBTAINED IN 1968. AS WE NOTED BEFORE, MINISTRY OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS DOES NOT CARRY SUCH FIGURES, AND WE SHALL PROBABLY HAVE TO REQUEST THE QUAI TO GET THESE FIGURES FROM THE HISTORICAL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

3. TO PROVIDE ANSWERS ALSO FOR QUESTIONS IN PARAGRAPHS 4 THROUGH 6, WE HAVE ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH QUAI OFFICER, WHO WILL NO DOUBT HAVE TO REFER THE QUESTIONS

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TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. WE HOPE TO HAVE AN

ANSWER SOON, BUT ARE UNABLE AT THIS POINT TO SAY WHEN
THE ARMY'S HISTORICAL DIVISION WILL REPLY.
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